

ORDINANCE

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CITY ATTORNEY Leska T. Frusky
Councilman /woman Crystal J. Feliciano / Mayor Joseph D. Imperia presents the following Ordinance:
TITLE William

ORDINANCE CREATING A SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL BY THE CITY OF TRENTON

WHEREAS, senior citizens are a unique group of residents within our City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Trenton deems it appropriate and in the best interests of Trenton’s senior residents to create an advisory body to City Council focusing in the areas of health, housing, legal, financial, social/recreational, civic, and technological; and

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton is establishing a Senior Citizen Advisory Council as a representative body in Trenton City government through a working partnership with the City Council and the Administration’s Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Social Services, Office on Aging Services (OAS), advancing the interests of the City of Trenton’s senior citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Trenton hereby amends and supplements the Trenton City Code Article XIV, hereby creating and establishing a Senior Citizen Advisory Council consisting of 11 members, pursuant to the following:

Membership:

- A. The Senior Citizen Advisory Council (SCAC), shall consist of eleven (11) members who shall be appointed as follows:
 - 1. Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council.
 - 2. Three (3) members shall be appointed by the City Council.
 - 3. Four (5) ex officio members shall consist of the Mayor, a member of City Council, the Director of Health and Human Services, the Director of Recreation, the Director of Trenton Police Department. Any ex officio member may designate a member of his or her staff to attend a meeting of the SCAC as a representative of the ex officio officer.
- B. By majority vote and on an annual basis, the Board shall appoint a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.
- C. Vacancies arising from causes other than by expiration of a term, shall be filled for the unexpired term, if any, remaining.
- D. A board member shall continue to hold office at the expiration of their term until a successor shall have been appointed and qualifies.
- E. Members may be removed for non-performance or neglect of duties or for other good cause

by a recommendation of a majority of the Board with the concurrence of a majority of City Council.

Adequate Representation:

The SCAC shall consist of representatives from various segments of the community, including the business and public sector as well as nonprofit organizations with a successful history of performance towards the health and betterment of senior living, but not limited thereto.

Terms:

The term of each Board member shall be two (2) years from the date of their appointment, commencing January 1 and ending December 31 the following year, except that the first appointments shall be as follows: five (5) members shall be initially appointed to two-year terms; three (3) members shall be initially appointed to two-year terms, and three (3) members shall be initially appointed to a one-year term.

Purpose and Duties:

1. The purpose of the SCAC shall be to:
 - a. Recommend a comprehensive system of coordinated health and social, recreational services for senior citizens and residents of the community.
 - b. Advise and assist the Department of Health and Human Services in the preparation of an annual plan for the enhancement of services available to senior citizens and residents of the community or private foundations in obtaining grants to provide for the programs and activities of said SCAC and said applications for grants to be made with the approval of the City Council.

2. The SCAC shall also:
 - a. Recommend policy and guidelines for the operations of the City of Trenton's Office on Aging Services; provided however that the SCAC's recommendations shall be limited to planning and programmatic review and shall not affect the decisions concerning daily operations, budgeting or personnel.
 - b. Review proposals submitted for funding for services to senior citizens.
 - c. Assist departments in the planning and implementation of citywide comprehensive service programs for senior citizens of the City of Trenton.
 - d. Identify the needs and service gaps that affect senior citizens.
 - e. Make recommendations for the legislative programs and actions on behalf of senior citizens.

Meetings & Reports:

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the SCAC members. A quorum shall be necessary to conduct SCAC business.

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1. The SCAC shall meet at least once a month at a time fixed by the members either in person or virtually as deemed necessary by the Chairperson or presiding officer; special meeting may be called when necessary.
2. The SCAC may designate representatives to attend community forums and meetings and provide the Advisory Council with periodic briefings.
3. The SCAC shall prepare quarterly reports for the Mayor and City Council on its activities, goals, accomplishments and recommendations and shall submit the report for review on or before the end of each quarter of the calendar year. If it is found that reporting shall take place more frequently by the SCAC, the City Council or the Mayor, this is permissible as needed.

By-Laws:

The SCAC may promulgate by-laws governing the procedure of the SCAC.

Roberts Rules:

SCAC meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules unless such rules are otherwise inconsistent with state law or the Trenton City Code.

Compensation of the Board:

Members of the SCAC shall serve without compensation.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part of provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect 20 days from and after its final passage, and approved by the Mayor, pursuant to NJSA 40:69A-181(b) and other applicable law.

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NV - NO VOTE AB - ABSENT

Adopted on first reading at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Trenton, NJ on APR 20 2023

Adopted on second reading after the public hearing on MAY 04 2023

Mayor APPROVED

Reconsidered by Council - Override Vote AYE
NAY

President of Council

City Clerk